Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Major General Duane L. Corning began his long and illustrious career with the military as a private in the Army National Guard with Battery 'D' of the 147th Field Artillery at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Duke enlisted in the Navy Air Corps in August of 1941, serving overseas in Newfoundland, Iceland, and England. He flew 104 combat missions. After Duke returned to Sioux Falls, he helped future governor Joe Foss organize the 175th Air National Guard Squadron, and he served as their first operations officer. He served on active duty during the Korean War as Squadron and Group Commander and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1950. On November 1, 1963, he was appointed Brigadier General and Adjutant General of South Dakota. On November 1, 1964, he was elevated to Major General. Duke has served as Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs on the Governor's Cabinet, in addition to being the State Civil Defense Director, Selective Service Director, and Emergency Services Planning Director. His long list of military decorations includes the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Command Pilot Badge, and two Legion of Merits. His respect for community service has led him to work on behalf of the American Legion, the Masons and Shriners, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the National Guard Association of the United States, the Air Force Association of the United States, Isaak Walton, the Elks, and the Boy Scouts of America; and,

WHEREAS, The history of South Dakota is an honor roll of outstanding individuals who have a stalwart sense of duty and an uncompromising code of honor. Duke Corning is such an individual. In times of war and in times of peace, he has answered every call and met every challenge. After almost half a century of military service to South Dakota's Guard and Reserve, and two decades of public service to South Dakota's government, he leaves a legacy of leadership that will be remembered as long as free men and women care enough to put their state ahead of themselves:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, February 7, 1983, as

DUKE CORNING DAY

In South Dakota, and I join all my fellow South Dakota citizens in saluting Duke for helping to make South Dakota's star the brightest on the field of the flag that flies over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of February, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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